Welfare Schemes for Fishermen

1287. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Welfare Schemes for Fishermen of the country being assisted/financed by Government; and

(b) the details of the Welfare Schemes made available to Orissa Fishermen and extent of assistance rendered during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) and (b) Details of welfare schemes for fishermen of the country and available to Orissa as well, together with the assistance provided to Orissa during the last two years are detailed below:

Group Accident Insurance

Under component "Group Accident Insurance" free insurance cover is provided to active fishermen. Such fishermen are insured for Rs. 21,000 against death/permanent disability and for Rs. 10,500 against partial disability. Central assistance of Rs. 3.60 lakhs and Rs. 4.34 lakhs has been provided to Orissa under this scheme during 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively.

Development of Model Villages for Fishermen

Under component "Development of Model Villages for Fishermen" construction of fishermen villages with housing, protected water supply and community halls is taken up. Central assistance of Rs. 1.00 lakh and Rs.15.00 lakhs has been provided to Orissa under this scheme during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively.

Savings-cum-Relief

Under component "Savings-cum-Relief", contribution of Rs. 45 per month collected from marine fishermen during 8 fishing months is trippled by way of equal contribution by Central and State Governments and is distributed to beneficiaries in equal instalments during 4 lean months. Central assistance of Rs. 1.00 lakh and Rs. 3.60 lakhs has been provided to Orissa under this scheme during 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively.

महाराष्ट्र और मध्य प्रदेश में कपास की खेती के लिए प्रयुक्त क्षेत्र

1288. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान महाराष्ट्र और मध्य प्रदेश में कुल कितने क्षेत्र में कपास की खेती की गई;

(ख) क्या इन राज्यों में कपास की खेती वाले क्षेत्र में लगातार कमी आ रही है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार ने इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए क्या-क्या उपचारात्मक उपाय किए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम) : (क) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान महाराष्ट्र तथा मध्य प्रदेश में कपास की खेती के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों के अनुमान इस प्रकार हैं :